

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

3 IN THE MATTER OF:

4 MOST CONGESTED COURTS;
5 CIVIL CASES, THREE YEARS OLD
6 AND OLDER.

Misc. No. 09-59(JAF)

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7 NOTICE TO COUNSEL

8 The Judicial Conference of the United States and its Court
9 Administration and Case Management Committee (CACM) have jurisdiction
10 to oversee the efficient administration of civil cases throughout the
11 federal courts system.

12 As part of its functions, the CACM closely monitors civil
13 filings which are three years old and older. Courts with civil cases
14 which are three years old and older may be classified as "congested
15 federal district courts" under CACM standards. The District of Puerto
16 Rico has been classified as a congested federal district court.

17 The district judges in the District of Puerto Rico have agreed
18 to pool resources to dispose of these old civil case filings. To that
19 effect, civil litigants are advised that the following measures are
20 being taken to address the congestion of the civil docket.

21 1. The court will periodically identify the filings which are
22 three years old and older and a list of those cases will be filed in
23 this miscellaneous case periodically.

24 2. As soon as practicable, these cases will be included in
25 calendar calls to be conducted by a district judge. Cases that cannot

1 be settled during the calendar call will be placed on ready-to-try
2 case lists and will be pre-tried and tried by the first available
3 district court judge.

4 3. These cases will be managed expeditiously. The court will
5 not allow unsupervised and pre-approved discovery or motion practice
6 to interfere with the prompt disposition of these cases. Counsel must
7 expect that pretrial and trial settings will entail short notice and
8 will not be continued.

9 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

10 San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 27th day of March, 2009.

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12 S/José Antonio Fusté
13 Chief U.S. District Judge

S/Jaime Pieras, Jr.
Senior U.S. District Judge

14 S/Carmen C. Cerezo
15 U. S. District Judge

S/Raymond L. Acosta
Senior U.S. District Judge

16 S/Daniel R. Domínguez
17 U. S. District Judge

S/Salvador E. Casellas
Senior U.S. District Judge

18 S/Jay A. García-Gregory
19 U. S. District Judge

S/Juan M. Pérez-Giménez
Senior U.S. District Judge

20 S/Aida M. Delgado-Colón
21 U. S. District Judge

22 S/Gustavo A. Gelpí
23 U. S. District Judge

24 S/Francisco A. Besosa
25 U. S. District Judge